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FINDS IN BEST FRIEND HER LONG-LOST SISTER.

Mrs. Lawrence of Bethalto, Ill., and Two Other Sisters Had Sought Missing One for Many Years.

Discovery May Enable the Women to Recover Property in Two Counties Which Belonged to Their Mother, and Is Now Worth More Than \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Martha Lawrence of Bethalto, Ill., discovered yesterday that Mrs. Fanny Miller, her neighbor and dearest friend, who she had known for twenty years, is her sister, for whom she and two other sisters have sought for nearly half a century.

By this discovery the four women may be enabled to recover possession of property worth more than \$1,000,000 in Madison and St. Clair counties, which belonged to their mother at the time of her death.

Explanations revealed the story of virtual kidnapping of at least one of the sisters and their separation by interested persons who knew of the estate to which they were entitled.

Time finally united three of the sisters. Two of the girls married brothers named Lawrence at Bethalto, Mrs. Ollie Lawrence later taking up her residence at Jerseyville, as well as the sister, Mrs. Armstrong. The fourth sister was never found, despite the search and inquiries which had repeatedly been made.

NOTICE BECOMES

HEIR TO ESTATE.

The separation of the four sisters occurred with the death of their mother at Troy, Ill. At the time of her death the mother owned a farm to a man named Kuntz, but was not living with him. That marriage was her third, her former husbands having been named Leigh and Hieton. Mrs. Kuntz's maiden name was Rhonda.

A few years before her death Mrs. Kuntz had fallen heir to a valuable estate by the death of her brother, Jacob Rhonda, of Greenville, Ill. The bequest consisted of \$25,000 in cash and the title to several hundred acres of land in Madison and St. Clair counties. The fact of the vast inheritance according to the latest developments in the story, was kept from Kuntz, her husband, because of his alleged dissolute habits. Mrs. Kuntz concealed the \$25,000 in a bureau drawer, and the discovery of this vast sum of money immediately after her death is believed to have been the direct cause of the separation of the children. The story as it now comes to light, which was known to all the sisters, was that the \$25,000 was discovered while the neighbors were hunting for coins to place upon the eyelids of the mother soon after she had passed away.

PROOF OF LEGACY

ARE DISCOVERED.

The money was never recovered, but the papers showing the legacy to have been made were recovered by Mrs. Martha Lawrence of Bethalto. These papers, it is said, showed the sisters to be the legal heirs to several hundred acres of rich Madison County land and several tracts in St. Clair County, including part of the site of the city of East St. Louis and the National Stock Yards. The property to-day is valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Attorney Snyder of Belleville was employed a short time ago by Mrs. Lawrence to investigate their titles to the property, and Mrs. Lawrence states that each of the three known sisters have been offered \$5,000 for a quitclaim deed to their interests. This offer could not be considered because of the

absence of the fourth heir. And it was this missing heir who yesterday was found to be Mrs. Lawrence's nearest neighbor and best friend in Bethalto, Mrs. Fanny Miller.

HOW THE SISTERS

FIND EACH OTHER.

Mrs. Miller remarked to Mrs. Lawrence that she knew little of her parentage, because her mother died when she was quite young, and that she had been taken away into another State and had never found any trace of any of her three sisters. Although according to Mrs. Miller, that she was taken, not until Mrs. Miller let drop this remark did Mrs. Lawrence suspect the relationship.

In the description she gave of her mother as she recalled her a remarkable coincidence existed with that of the mother of Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. Miller, at the bidding of Mrs. Lawrence, continued the description of her home and of some of the neighbors.

"Do you remember anything else, Mrs. Miller, about your mother?" eagerly asked Mrs. Lawrence.

"Yes, I recall an old shawl mother used to wear of peculiar texture." And then she described the garment minutely. Scarcely had Mrs. Miller ceased the description before Mrs. Lawrence rushed across the room, and, throwing her arms about her visitor, sobbingly said: "You must be my long lost sister."

For some minutes neither could speak, and finally, amid tears of mingled joy and sadness, Mrs. Miller told her story of separation. It was on the day of the funeral, according to Mrs. Miller, that she was taken away from home by a man named Washington Renfrow. He was a neighbor and it was he that made the search for the coin to put upon the mother's eyelids after her death and found the two sacks of money secreted in an old bureau drawer.

LITTLE GIRL IS

CARRIED AWAY.

The little girl was in the room when the discovery was made, and she says Renfrow threatened to kill her should she ever dare to mention the incident. The next day Renfrow took the girl to 4 years to his house and in a few days disappeared from the community.

From Troy Renfrow went to a small town in Wisconsin, where he remained several years. He soon abandoned the fortune, and, finding the little girl, he returned to Madison County and placed her in the County Poorhouse, at Edwardsville. Renfrow disappeared the second time, and has never been heard from since. It is believed he is dead.

After a few years the girl was taken from the Poor House by Russell Newman, now a prominent farmer of Liberty Prairie, in Fort Russell Township. Later the girl married and moved to Bethalto. While Mrs. Renfrow was too young at the time of her kidnapping to remember anything definite relative to her older sisters, yet the latter, for almost half a century, have endeavored to locate her. None of the sisters have been able to find her, and the search accordingly has been limited to their meager financial resources.

DEATH OF JUDGE

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Former St. Louisan and Justice of Missouri Supreme Court Passes Away in Cambridge.

SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA.

Last Twenty Years of His Life Were Spent in Retirement—Funeral Arrangements.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 28.—Nathaniel Holmes, a former Supreme Court Justice of Missouri and a former of the Academy of Sciences of St. Louis and a former professor in the Harvard Law School, died late Tuesday night at his home, No. 7 Holyoke place, Cambridge, Judge Holmes was 88 years of age. He had spent nearly twenty years in retirement. Death was due to pneumonia. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Appleton Chapel, and the burial will be in Peterboro, N. H.

Judge Holmes was born in Peterboro in 1812. At the age of 10 he began the study of Latin at the Academy in Chester, Vt. Later he returned to Peterboro, and went to school there. He graduated from the Academy at New Ipswich, N. H., in 1830, and from Phillips Exeter in '33, and then entered Harvard. He was a member of numerous college societies.

Upon his graduation from Harvard in '37 he went south, and was employed as a private tutor in Maryland. Then he returned to Cambridge and spent a year at the Harvard Law School. In '39 he was admitted to the bar in Boston. Twenty years later he received the degree of A. M.

Practiced Law in St. Louis. He opened his first law office in St. Louis in '41. For the two succeeding years he was a partner of Thomas B. Hudson. During the years 1845-1853, his brother, Samuel A. Holmes, was his partner.

In June, 1853, he was appointed one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Missouri. He held the office until 1858, when he resigned, to accept the Royal professorship in the Harvard Law School. Three years later he resigned this office and returned to the practice of law in St. Louis.

About ten years later he came East again and purchased his home in Cambridge, where he has since quietly lived, working at his writing, or not working at all.

In 1884 Judge Holmes helped to organize the Academy of Science of St. Louis, and later he served as vice president and as corresponding secretary. He had been a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1870.

Judge Holmes was a confirmed Baconian. In 1886 he published a work, entitled "The Authenticity of Shakespeare." He was also the author of a large book on "Philosophy of the Universe."

Judge Holmes considered his best book to be "Realistic Idealism in Philosophy." This was issued in 1888, and was in a volume.

LEADING TOPICS —IN— TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Fair Friday and probably Saturday; variable winds.

For Illinois—Rain or snow Friday, with warmer in northern portion. Saturday, probably fair; fresh southerly winds.

For Arkansas—Fair Friday and Saturday; light northerly winds.

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1. World's Fair Gates Must Close Sundays.

2. Thought Kaskaskia Body Was D. G. Galloway.

3. Terms Offered Cuba Said to Be Final.

4. Militia to Guard Prisoners.

5. Found Her Long-Lost Sister.

6. Mother Had to Shun Moser.

7. Atlanta Mobs Looking for Negro.

8. Drank Acid and Inhaled Gas.

9. Municipal Assembly Their Only Hope.

10. Camp Followers After the "Nuts."

11. Football Educates Man Who Plays It.

12. Passenger Train Wrecked and Burned.

13. Pennsylvanians Give a Smoker.

14. Race-Track Results.

15. President Powers Gives Up the Fight.

16. Noland Ran Away From Campbell.

17. Fault May Lie With Life-Saving Station.

18. Great Strides in Electric Railways.

19. To Oppose Medical Bill Now Pending.

20. Want Some One to Swear Out Warrant.

21. Limburger Cheese Stopped a Bullet.

22. City News in Brief.

23. Chief Kiely Now in Command.

24. Editorial.

25. Proposed Bernhard Reception Given Up.

26. Nearly Ready for Inauguration.

27. Events in Society.

28. Two Scandals in Public Service.

29. Says He Slapped Mr. Conger's Face.

30. War Taxes Cut Down.

31. Rush of Buyers Breaks All Records.

32. Disposes of Brake-Beam Bolt.

33. Republic Want Advertisements.

34. The Weather.

35. Railroad News.

36. Grand and Produce.

37. Sales of Live Stock.

38. Financial News.

39. River Telegrams.

40. San Jose Scale Alarms Fruit Men.

41. John Thomas Brady Poes as a Scholar.

42. Novel Good-Roads Plan.

43. Few Details About Edison's Invention.

FINE CATTLE CREMATED.

Stock and Dairy Barns Destroyed by Fire.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clarkville, Tenn., Feb. 28.—George Casner's big stock and dairy barns burned here to-night. Loss, \$4,000. Twenty-five head of fine cattle and a lot of provender were burned.

THOUGHT KASKASKIA BODY THAT OF D. G. GALLOWAY.

Missing Arkansas Merchant Believed to Have Been Murdered for His Money.

NO TRACE OF HIM FOUND.

When the discovery of a man's body in a box at Kaskaskia was announced inquiries were made in St. Louis in regard to the identity of the dead man by persons from Van Buren, Ark., who are endeavoring to learn the whereabouts of D. G. Galloway, who left Van Buren on January 24, for the ostensible purpose of going to Oklahoma City, Ok., to establish a dry goods house.

Galloway had a large sum of money in his possession when he departed from Van Buren, and, as he has not been heard of since, his family and friends fear that he has met with foul play. They have been searching for him for some time, and when they heard that the body of an unidentified man had been found they suspected that it might be that of Mr. Galloway. In view of the developments in the case, however, they have about concluded that the body found in the box is not that of Galloway.

Galloway lived in Van Buren, Ark., for many years, and was one of the most prominent business men of that place. He was a partner in the McKinney-Rea Dry Goods Company until shortly before his departure. He drew a large amount of currency from the Van Buren branch of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. when he left for Oklahoma, saying that he preferred it to St. Louis exchange, as the cash would facilitate any business transactions he might care to make.

Mrs. Galloway believes that her husband



D. G. GALLOWAY.
Merchant who disappeared from Van Buren, Ark., and whose relatives fear he has been murdered.

has been murdered for his money. She says that if he were still alive he would not have neglected to inform her of his whereabouts.

Galloway is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 150 pounds, and having dark hair and mustache. He had dark-gray eyes. When he departed from Van Buren he wore a dark suit of gray-and-white Scotch worsted.

MILITIA CALLED ON TO GUARD PRISONER.

Governor of Illinois Takes Precautions Against Mob Violence in Carrollton.

WANTED TO LYNCH SHENKLE.

Soldiers Will Escort Him to Court and From There to Penitentiary—He Will Plead Guilty.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 28.—Four companies of the Illinois Militia will guard Albert Shenkle from the violence of a mob, said to be organized in Carrollton to lynch the prisoner when he appears there to-morrow for trial. Shenkle was brought to Springfield from Edwardsville, where he has been confined in jail for several weeks.

The entire programme for the conduct of the trial has been outlined. The troops mobilized here to-night will start for Carrollton at 4 o'clock in the morning. They will escort the prisoner to the Greene County Courthouse and guard him while the county grand jury hears his plea of guilty and gives him sentence. The soldiers will then escort him to the penitentiary, where it is supposed he will be safe from the violence of the mob that threatens him.

Plans of the officials of Illinois to thwart the Carrollton mob have been perfected with the greatest secrecy. Governor Yates made arrangements for the mobilization of the military escort before he left for Washington. It was given out that Adjutant General Rice would be unable to accompany the Governor on account of illness. He remained behind to conduct affairs here. This afternoon Captain John D. G. Oglesby, personal secretary to the Governor, was kept in ignorance of the source of the hurried order to arms. The only information they have since obtained is from newspaper reports.

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MOSEER'S MOTHER HAD TO SHUN HIM.

New Amish Church Doctrine Forbade Her Having Anything to Do With Her Son.

SEVERAL OF FAMILY INSANE.

Members of Moser Family Declare They Had Attempted Suicide Because of Church Persecution.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pekin, Ill., Feb. 28.—This was a big day for the defense in the Moser murder trial. Sam Moser, self-confessed murderer of his wife and three little sons, stands a better show of being acquitted than ever he has stood before.

Nearly all the witnesses told of the defendant's persecution at the hands of the New Amish Church. Moser's own mother, Mrs. Benedict Moser, took the stand, and did also two of his brothers and two of his sisters. Mrs. Moser testified that Sam had always been good to his wife and children, but that after he had been expelled from the church, five years ago, the scriptures would not allow her, the mother, or any of the family, to have anything to do with him. To shake hands or eat at the same table with him would be a sin against God. They could not even touch him, for he was "possessed of the devil."

During his mother's testimony, the defendant broke down and wept. The mother showed no emotion, and, like all the other members of the family who testified, went immediately to the Clerk's office and claimed her witness fees.

Defense Making a Strong Case.

Attorney Green, for the defense, is making out a strong case. Doctor N. B. Crawford of Bureau, Woodford County, was the most important witness of the day. He testified that Benedict Moser had brought Sam to him for treatment seven or eight years ago. His wife was named Sarah. At that time Sam was in a distressed mental condition, the doctor considering it due to hereditary trouble. Sam was in the doctor's office many times after that. Two years ago his mental condition became serious. Doctor Crawford considered this due to the persecutions of the New Amish Church. Doctor Crawford said that, in his professional judgment, the defendant was an insane man at the time of the commission of the crime.

On the cross-examination, so far as it had proceeded up to adjournment, at 5 o'clock the State failed to gain anything on Doctor Crawford's testimony. The doctor did not think that Sam Moser had ever possessed a normal brain. He was morose and depressed in mind, and such a mind was all the more easily broken down by such persecution as the New Amish Church inflicted upon him.

The defendant, at the time of the murder, was not capable of distinguishing right from wrong. The State will continue the cross-examination of the witness to-morrow morning.

By testimony of witnesses to-day the defense showed many cases of insanity and imbecility in the Moser family, on both sides. The Amish practice of internecine warfare is credited with the surplus of weak-minded people among the followers of the peculiar faith.

Driven to Insane Asylum.

Daniel Moser of Chicago, a brother of the defendant, who testified to-day, was ousted from the church many years ago and driven to an insane asylum. John Moser, another brother, testified that he had once jumped into a well, attempting suicide, because he could not live according to the scriptures. Christian Moser was also mentally unbalanced and once jumped out of a two-story window in his night clothes. Two sisters, Lydia and Sarah, who were also among the witnesses, were westward, and acknowledged that they knew not in what direction Indiana lies from Illinois or whether Ohio is in this country or some other.

York to the Philippines. The